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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1904

Introduced by Assembly Members Block, Butler, and Cook

February 22, 2012

An act to add Section 115.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1904, as amended, Block. Professions and vocations: military spouses: ~~temporary licenses: expedited licensure.~~

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law provides for the issuance of reciprocal licenses in certain fields where the applicant, among other requirements, has a license to practice within that field in another jurisdiction, as specified. ~~Under existing law, licensing fees imposed by certain boards within the department are deposited in funds that are continuously appropriated. Existing law authorizes a licensee to reinstate an expired license without examination or penalty if, among other requirements, the license expired while the licensee was on active duty as a member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces.~~

This bill would ~~authorize~~ *require* a board within the department to ~~issue a temporary license to expedite the licensure process for~~ an applicant who, ~~among other requirements, holds an equivalent a license in the same profession or vocation in another jurisdiction, as specified,~~ and is married to, or in a legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station

in California under official active duty military orders. ~~The bill would require a board to expedite the process for issuing these temporary licenses. The bill would require the applicant to pay any fees required by the board and would require that those fees be deposited in the fund used by the board to administer its licensing program. To the extent that the bill would increase the amount of money deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~-no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 115.5 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 115.5. (a) A board within the department ~~may issue a~~
4 ~~temporary license to~~ *shall expedite the licensure process for an*
5 applicant who meets ~~all~~ *both* of the following requirements:
6 (1) ~~Submits an application in the manner prescribed by the~~
7 ~~board.~~
8 (2)
9 (1) Supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant
10 is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union
11 with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United
12 States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official
13 active duty military orders.
14 (3)
15 (2) Holds a current license in another state, district, or territory
16 of the United States ~~with the requirements that the board determines~~
17 ~~are substantially equivalent to those established under this code~~
18 ~~for that occupation in the profession or vocation for which he or~~
19 ~~she seeks a license from the board.~~
20 (4) ~~Has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have~~
21 ~~constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the~~
22 ~~license under this code at the time the act was committed.~~
23 (5) ~~Has not been disciplined by a licensing entity in another~~
24 ~~jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint,~~
25 ~~review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a~~
26 ~~licensing entity in another jurisdiction.~~

1 ~~(6) Pays any fees required by the board. Those fees shall be~~
2 ~~deposited in the applicable fund or account used by the board to~~
3 ~~administer its licensing program.~~

4 ~~(7) Submits fingerprints and any applicable fingerprinting fee~~
5 ~~in the manner required of an applicant for a regular license.~~

6 ~~(b) A board shall expedite the procedure for issuing a temporary~~
7 ~~license pursuant to this section.~~

8 ~~(c) A temporary license issued under this section shall be valid~~
9 ~~for 180 days, except that the license may, at the discretion of the~~
10 ~~board, be extended for an additional 180-day period on application~~
11 ~~of the license holder.~~

12 ~~(d)~~

13 ~~(b) A board may adopt regulations necessary to administer this~~
14 ~~section.~~